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medical inspector of the British colonial service, the entire lot of coolies being stripped and examined. On January 2 the coolies were landed. No disinfection of their quarters was attempted after they left the ship. Seven hundred tons of rice were discharged and a quantity of ballast taken in. January 21 the *Mersey* arrived at Barbados where she discharged 500 tons of rice, leaving February 1. February 2 she arrived at Pointe à Pitre, Guadeloupe, discharged remainder of cargo, took in ballast, 1,100 tons (sand and rock) in all, and sailed for Philadelphia February 17.

A careful inspection of the log book failed to show the noting of any sickness in the crew since leaving Demerara, and the captain states that there has been none of any moment since leaving Calcutta, or while in that port. Twenty of the crew were shipped in Calcutta, the remainder in English ports. It is stated by members of the crew that rats are very prevalent, although they deny the finding of an unusual number of dead ones.

The ship has been held in an anchorage to the eastward of the channel in strict quarantine. She will be brought to the station to-day and the sulphur fumigation of the hull begun.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.*

#### REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

*El Paso, Tex., March 3, 1900.*—I have the honor to report the following summary of work at this station during the week ended March 3, 1900: Inspection of Mexican Central Railroad passenger train, 235; inspection of Rio Grande, Sierra Madre passenger train, 20; inspection of 3 excursion trains from Mexico, 110; inspection of immigrants, 45; vaccination, children of immigrants, 10; disinfection of baggage of immigrants, 17; disinfection of old bedding imported, 10 bundles; disinfection of bones, 1 car; disinfection of goatskins, 17 bundles.

Bubonic plague having been reported at the Island of Cozumel, the coast of Yucatan, I require all passengers having traveled to the south of the City of Mexico, or who arrive from Vera Cruz or Tampico, to produce proof that they have not been in the infected district.

Should any passengers come from that section, I would detain them for ten days, have their baggage disinfected by immersion or burned, according to circumstances, before they would be allowed to cross the line into the United States.

Respectfully,

E. ALEXANDER,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Laredo, Tex., March 1, 1900.*—I have the honor to submit the following inspection report for week ended February 24, 1900: Passengers on Mexican National Railroad inspected and entered, 701; immigrants inspected and allowed entry, 2; immigrants inspected and refused entry, 8. The immigrants refused entry were 7 destitute females, with no male relatives, and 1 prostitute.

Respectfully,

H. J. HAMILTON,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Laredo, Tex., March 2, 1900.*—I have the honor to submit the following reports of medical inspection of immigrants at the port of Laredo: January 1 to 31, inclusive, allowed entry, 59; February 1 to 28, inclu-

sive, allowed entry, 66; February 23, inspected and refused entry, 8; total inspected month of February, 74.

Respectfully,

H. J. HAMILTON,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Laredo, Tex., March 6, 1900.*—I have the honor to submit the following inspection report for week ended March 3, 1900: Passengers on Mexican National Railroad inspected and allowed entry, 1,067; immigrants inspected and allowed entry, 4; immigrants and indigent passengers vaccinated, 16; increase of passengers inspected was due to bull-fights at Monterey, Mexico. Smallpox, I am informed, does not exist at Monterey, Mexico, at present.

Respectfully,

H. J. HAMILTON,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Smallpox in Detroit, Mich.*

DETROIT, MICH., *March 5, 1900.*

SIR: Referring to my telegram of to-day reporting smallpox at this port, I have the honor to inform you that there are now 12 cases of smallpox in the city pesthouse. The source of infection appears to have been the cadaver of a negro said to have been shipped from Nashville, Tenn., to the Detroit College of Medicine. The first case developed in the junior janitor, who injected the cadaver; the students operating on this cadaver were attacked next. There are now several foci of infection in the city, all traceable to the Detroit College of Medicine. This institution and 6 private houses where cases have occurred are quarantined. The health officer reports that the disease is mild, and that no deaths have occurred to date. No further spread of the disease is likely.

Respectfully,

JOHN GODFREY,  
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Smallpox in Minnesota.*

MARCH 7, 1900.

SIR: \* \* \* In 1899 we had smallpox as follows:

Places.	Cases.	Deaths.	Places.	Cases.	Deaths.
St. Paul (c).....	22	0	Freeborn County, outside of		
Minneapolis (c).....	9	0	Albert Lea:		
Brainerd (c).....	1	0	Hayward Township.....	11	0
Austin (c).....	6	0	Albert Lea Township.....	6	0
Appleton (v).....	11	0	Moscow Township.....	1	0
Lake Shore Township, Lac Qui			Freeman Township.....	1	0
Parle County.....	1	0	Sheel Rock Township.....	1	
Inver Grove Township, Dakota			Alben Township.....	3	0
County.....	8	0	Bancroft Township.....	2	0
Albany Township, Stearns			Carlston Township.....	1	0
County.....	4	0	Nunda Township.....	7	0
Worthington.....	8	2	Mansfield Township.....	1	0
Round Lake (v).....	12	4	Wells, Faribault County(v)...	1	0
East Grand Forks (v).....	14	0	Emmons, Freeborn County	1	0
St. Cloud (c).....	3	0	Fairmont (v).....	9	3
Willmar (v).....	1	0	Faribault (c).....	7	0
Duluth (c).....	1	0	Rochester (c).....	1	0
Albert Lea (c).....	81	0			
			Total .....	235	9

c City.

v Village.